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Martha E. McMillan Journal
November 10, 1908 – December 1909

M. E. McMillan's Journal
for 2 months of 1908
and for 1909 entire

[**Transcriber note:** Content below written inside front cover:]

Do not allow your worldly triumphs to win you away from the Spiritual realities of life. The more power you gain among men and over men – use it the more generously to advance the will of the Great One – who judge us by ultimate results when time is over.

But my dear, proud strong willed self sufficient man do not allow material success to harden your heart or to destroy your sympathy for your fellow man Remember it has been written down of the worlds famous and beloved ones “The best portion of a great mans life is his little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love.”

Margret Hamilton

At Columbus – 30 Jan. 1909

“We should build our house by the side of the road, where people throng and surge – and be a friend to men. They need us – they need love and help.”

“When we pray we speak to God – when we read his word God speaks to us.” In 1908 there was only 140,000 protestant ministers in the U. S. “Summer and Autumn slipped away; the winter passed; Spring came, with all the wonder of the Resurrection of flower leaf and blade.”

“The hardest thing in the work is to reprove wisely. In nothing need we take more care when dealing with others as in the matter of reproof. We may scold people into hell – but we never can scold any body into heaven.

[**Transcriber note:** Content below written on the front of the first leaf:]

“There are no worse moments in human existence than when it is brought home to you that all has been done there was to do – and life can give us nothing more.”

“Send the message to Garcia” Potter Pres McKinleys orders “A man is valuable not only for the good he does, but also for the Evil he prevents”

[**Transcriber note:** Content below written on the back of the first leaf:]

“When the evening shadows gather.

And the long days work is done:

And we reach the unknown Country

Out beyond the setting sun.

After all the weary waiting.

In the peaceful rest to share,

No more need of anguish parting;
We shall know each other there."

November 1908

10" November 1908

While one book is closed another is opened. This evening Mr Mac and I have taken up our abode at the Cosy Home in Yellow Springs Clara and Walter Murdock came over with our baggage – and remained with us for supper Paul and the servants were all that were left back at the Old Home when we came away. We are expecting Clayton and Edith and Jason and Nellie to arrive tomorrow – Clayton and Edith to take up the work that we lay down and Jason and Nellie in due time to their work in the East – Our work seems to be nearly done – While theirs is just beginning – Just standing before the door – while all the way is hidden. But there is one with whom all is light – who is acquainted with every step in the journey – May this Great Leader pilot them – all the road – yes to the very end.

11" Nov Wed.

We awakened at our new home in the Springs this morning. We finished our work – and came back to the old home this morning to be here to meet the Home Comers – this Evening. We reached here at eleven and found Clara & Paul and Walter and Ben Irvin and Samuel Phelps (the cook) here. Paul and Walter at town this morning. A man from off the pike here to dinner. Paul called at Harry Townsleys this A.M. This evening Walter went to Selma to the 6:40 train and met Clayton and Edith and Jason and Nellie. We tried to have a good supper awaiting them. I brought my New Journal with me to keep count of the days while we are here.

[**Transcriber note:** Header reads "At the Old Home"]

12" Nov. Thursday. The sun shining – Walter at C- and brought Uncle Joe C- and Rev Mills Taylor and wife out to dinner. We wanted them to meet our new daughters – Potter came to – on the early train and Paul brought him out – We have had a pleasant day. This evening Walter took the guests home again and Paul. At a later hour Clayton and Edith and Jason and Nellie and Walter and Clara and Potter and Paul at the Opera house to hear Proff Otts lecture – Subject "Sour Grapes."

13 Nov Friday.

Rather a nice day – all up in good time Ben Irvin went home this morning I am still on the sick list with cold – Clayton and Edith and Jason and Nellie & Potter and Walter with us. Walter at town this A.M. This A.M. Mr Mc and I called to see Olla Mitchel reached home at noon. This afternoon Aunt Bell and her daughter Mary called to see the folks. Later Clayton and Jason and the girls made a flying trip to town and called to see Aunt Jeannette and Matt – they were home in time for supper. This evening Clayton and Jason rec'd quite a surprise as thirty of the young folks from the vicinity and towns around gathered into meet them and their brides – a lovely

supper was served – It was a pleasant affair – every one happy – I would have enjoyed more had I not been suffering with a severe cold.

14" Nov Saturday

Cloudy and cold. Once and awhile a gleam of sunshine. Phelps the cook in charge. Clayton and Jason and the girls and Mr Mc and Potter and Paul and Walter around all A.M. – I have been in bed part of the time Rev Mills Taylor has Jason on his book to preach tomorrow – On acct of this he remained at home while Clayton and Edith and Nellie and Clara went to Springfield – Potter and Walter and Mr Mc at C- Later Paul went with Stuart. Walter made the 2nd trip.

15" Nov. Sabbath.

Quite a nice winter day. Clayton and Jason and Edith and Nellie & Clara and Walter & Potter and Paul and Mr Mc and I all at church. We had a sermon by Jason – Text The Blind man He preached well – the people seemed pleased. Phelps had a nice dinner awaiting us when we came home. This afternoon Clayton and Jason and Edith & Nellie and Potter and Paul and I at the Sabbath School Mr Brigham heard the class followed with remarks by Mr Ernst [illegible] Henderson and Potter Nellie took her place at the Organ – and done the playing – This seemed to be the closing days at the School for some of us. – Jason closed with a special prayer for Gods blessing on the School – thanking him for us being permitted to meet together through the many days of the past. It seemed beautiful for Clayton and Jason and their wives to be with us to day. We had 22 scholars. Truly the Lord has blessed us. This Evening Clayton and Jason and Edith and Nellie and Potter and Paul at the U. P. Church.

16" Nov Monday.

A pleasant winter day. I have been in bed all day – head and stomach and bad cold troubling me. Jason and Paul and Kep Owens out on a grand hunt do day. Kep here for supper – Paul took him home. Jason took Potter to the train this morning. Walter left us this morning Martain Coffee took him back to Selma. This afternoon Clayton and Nellie and Edith and Clara called to see the Kin folks around town, were home in time for supper Mr Mc called at Bumgardners. [In margin: Mrs. Johnston called.]

17" Nov. Tuesday.

A nice winter day. Mr Mc at the depot and brought some of the presents out. Clara and Edith over at the home at the Springs to get some necessaries were home by noon – This afternoon Clara went to town with Clayton and Jason and the girls and stopped off at Aunt Marys while they could call at Uncle Hughs – When they came back to town Clara went with them to Uncle Silas's as they are invited out there to a supper to night. Phelps at the front in the kitchen – I am feeling better have been up since noon. Mr Mc called at S. M. Ballards.

18" Nov. Wednesday.

A nice winter day. Mr Mc took Jasons trunk to the train and Paul took Clara down to go to Springfield. Jason called at Aunt Matts – He rec'd a nice present from her and Aunt Jeanette – they gave him grandmother MacMillans Psalm book one that Riley gave to her the day he was licensed to preach – over fifty years ago – They also gave Clayton and Jason each five dollars for a wedding present. This afternoon Clayton and Edith and Jason and Nellie left for Springfield. They are invited to a "dress party" at Stuarts this evening. They will stay all night in S- Nellie and Jason will leave tomorrow for Oyster Bay – they told us good by – knowing they would not be back – some way my heart has been sad to day to have them go – It has been so pleasant to have them here – but I know it is best they should go. Sara D- called to see them when they were starting. Paul went with Stuart A- to C- this evening. Phelps at the work.

19" Nov. Thursday.

Mr Mc at C- home at noon. Paul at town for a load of coal – Phelps and I both busy. Mr Mc at town this afternoon again. On yesterday he brought Homers medicine out the Emulsion of Cotton Seed – six bottles. The folks, Clayton and Edith and Clara got back from S- this evening. They all stayed all night at Stuarts – They were all beautifully entertained – Jason and Nellie left at three Oclock on that Old Erie Road for Oyster Bay.

20" Nov Friday.

A nice day. I did not get up before noon – was trying to get rested out. Clayton and Paul busy. Mr Mc around all A.M. – This afternoon he and Clayton and Clara and Edith and I at church – Was sorry Paul could not be there Dr McKinneys text – "Abhor that which is evil – cleave to that which is good." Phelps taking care of things while we were away. Paul at the College Contest to night.

21" Nov. Sat.

Quite a gloomy day. Clayton and Payl bringing water to the cistern – Paul took Ervins water tank home near noon. Clara and Edith ironing Mr Mc at C- this morning. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton and Edith and Clara and Paul and I at church Dr McKinneys subject the "Valley of Achor" Moral "Be sure your sin will find you out. Paul came past the depot and brought part of Edith's belongings – All of us here – Phelps at the front all day – he had supper ready when we came.

22nd Nov. Sabbath.

Hasy [sic] – bordering on Indian Summer but not quite. Walter came last night and around to day. Mr Mc and Clayton and Edith and Clara and Paul and I at church – This was our communion day – Bro MacKinneys text "The last day of the great day of the feast Jesus stood and cried saying If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink" The services solemnly impressive. Phelps had dinner ready when we came Potter came home with us. This afternoon Potter and Clayton and Paul and I at Sabbath School. Mr Earnest [illegible] gave us the talk on the Bible

lesson. Lulu Henderson heard the little children. We had thirteen Scholars. This evening Clayton and Edith and Clara and Paul and Walter at our church – sermon by Dr McKinney. Mr Mac and Phelps and I at home. Potter went down with the folks.

23rd Nov. Monday.

A very gloomy day. Paul out on an annual hunt with Kep Owens. Kep here for dinner and supper – Paul taking Kep home this evening. Clayton busy all day hauling corn. Phelps staying with us to day by the way of accommodations. This afternoon Clara and Edith went over to the Springs to get the house in order – for us. They will remain there tonight. Kep concluded to assist here tomorrow and returned with Paul and is here to night.

[**Transcriber note:** Header reads “At the Yellow Springs”]

24th Nov. Tuesday.

Quite cloudy – sprinkling rain now then all day. Kep helping with the corn hauling – This afternoon Mr Waddle Jr called and took Clayton to Charleston – Kep and Paul went on with their work. Edith returned from her trip in time for dinner Phelps with us until after dinner Uncle Hugh called and he rode down to the evening train. He was faithful until the last. Late this P.M. Mr Mc and I left for the Springs – We left Edith Paul and Kep there as Clayton had not got back from Charleston. The clouds hung low and heavy all evening – it was dark when we reached here – about half an hour before we reached here they had a heavy shower – but we escaped it. Clara had everything lighted up and the base burner running. If dark without – it was light within.

25th Nov Wednesday.

We awakened up at the Springs this morning It is damp after the rain. Mr Mc went over home this A.M. – and met Chas Stuart and his friend from Springfield – All were there to dinner. Edith officiating and had a nice dinner – and all were happy. Mr Mc returned about four bringing the Express full of goods – also feed for his horse – He succeeded in getting a stable this evening. Clara has been busy putting things in order She went up town this evening. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving we are expecting Clayton and Edith and Paul to be with us tomorrow. Blessed Thanksgiving day !!

26th Nov. Thursday.

Thanksgiving day. Cloudy most of the time with a little sunshine. We were up in good time. Mr Mc at the stable and up town on an errand – At nine O'clock Clayton and Edith drove in – It was not convenient for all to come so Paul remained at home to look after things. We certainly had a nice dinner thanks to Edith and Clara – They remained with us until after supper. Late this P.M Clara & Edith up at the office. This evening while Clayton and Edith were here Rev Mr Graham called – This has been a delightful day – a day long to be remembered – the only draw back Pauls absence.

27" Nov. Friday.

A pleasant winter day. Mr Mc out on his rounds. When we get up late the days are very short – This afternoon Mr Mc went on the traction to Xenia – was home again in good time. Mrs Bayley called – Clara and I both employed. This evening around the lamp & writing the order of the evening.

28" Nov. Saturday.

A nice winter day but very gloomy. Mr Mc over at the Old home to day took dinner with Clayton and Edith and Paul. Mr Howard Smith there to day on a trade – Edd West also. Their new tenant Joe Lafer moved in to the tenant house on yesterday. Mr Mc called at Mrs Piggs and at Sister Robisons this morning. Clara and I here alone She was up town this A.M. and this evening.

29 Nov. Sabbath.

A dark cloudy day. Mr Mc and Clara at Mr Grahams church – were back in due time. I did not go on acct of my cough – We sat down to our Sabbath dinner alone we three. This afternoon and evening rain. We have had a pleasant afternoon with our books.

30 Nov. Monday.

Damp and cloudy but very little rain fell yesterday – just enough to dampen the streets. The Base burner went out last night Clara went for charcoal to start it Mr Mc around all A.M. This P.M. he was around town. Mr & Mrs Graham and baby called this P.M. This evening Mr Mc and I took a walk to the post office.

December 1908

1st Dec. Tuesday.

The sun shining for a change. This A.M. Mr Mc drove over home. Paul was hauling corn – he had taken a load of hogs to Cedarville for Mr Kerr this morning. Clayton had gone with Elmer Waddle to London to the sale – Edith holding forth at the home. Mr Mc reached home about four. Clara out in town this P.M. She called to see Miss Davis & Mrs Sharp.

2" Dec. Wednesday.

Bright sunshine cold. Mr Mc over home to day again. Uncle Hugh and [illegible] there to divide the sheep Mr Mc and all there to a nice dinner Mr Mc came home by Robisons. Paul hauling wheat to market at a dollar a bushel. I took a walk to the post office this A.M. Clara out this P.M. This evening reading and embroidering the order of the Evening. A letter from Homer he was at Chester S.C. Sabbath He expects to be home the fifteen. Joyful news.

3rd Dec Thursday

A nice winter day. Mr Mc around the city this forenoon and this afternoon. A party from Nelson's College came to enquire about Paul. We have had a very enjoyable day in our own quiet street and home.

4th Dec Friday.

A light shower last night – Sprinkling rain off & on to day and we had snow come down in large beautiful flakes. Dark and cloudy all the day long. Mr Mc around home and up town the rest of us at home. This evening around the lamp.

5th Dec. Sat.

Rather a pleasant winter day. Mr Mc over at Claytons to day. He met Frank Townsley there – he was looking at the hogs. Clara and I busy ironing. This afternoon she was up in town. This evening all around the lamp. Bright moonlight Clara and I up town on an errand. Mrs Charlie Hughs here and spent an hour.

6th Dec. Sabbath.

Damp and cloudy rain most of the afternoon and evening. Mr Mc and Clara at the Presbyterian church – Sermon by Rev Graham. They met quite a number of the brethren while there – they rec'd a cordial welcome & greeting. We have had a pleasant afternoon and evening – with our books.

Monday. 7th Dec.

Much colder this evening Clara and I busy. After an early dinner Mr Mc over at Claytons it has been a bright afternoon. Very much colder this evening – bright moon light – Clara making her arrangements to go over home in the morning.

8th Dec. Tues.

Still cold Mr Mc and Clara left at an early hour for Claytons. The Professional butchers from Clifton there and dressed five hogs. They completed their work in the middle of the afternoon – I was here alone to day – but I thought of that old hymn – “Never alone O never alone.” Mr Mc reached home after four – Clara remained all night – I have been doing a little of every thing to day. This evening writing. Clear & cold to night.

9th Dec. Wed.

This morning when Ina Murdock was waiting for the car she ran down here to speak to us – She gave us quite a surprise as we were not up yet – but she spoke at the window – I done some ironing – this A.M. Mr Mc moved over to Mr Baileys stable – and has been up town and around all A.M. – and most of the afternoon. Blanch called and spent an hour – she and Oscar went on the traction to Springfield – at half past three Clayton and Edith and Clara came – Clayton went to Springfield and came back at 6:30 – when we had supper. Edith and Clara at an

Entertainment a musical – Clayton spent awhile with us and went back alone Edith will remain until Friday – Fred subscribed for the Christian Herald – A book came in connection with it “After Death – What” written by Madison C. Peters D.D. I want to make the most of this book and the paper – the paper will be a weekly visitor through 1909.

10” Dec. Thursday.

Clara and Edith took an early car for Springfield – they done some shopping and gave out their invitation for their little company Tuesday evening – they did not get back until after five – Mr Mc around here and there all day – I have managed to keep busy. After supper the girls went up town on a little errand. Cloudy most of the day

11” Dec. Friday.

Another cloudy day. Edith helping on Xmas presents. Clara busy. I have been writing letters. Paul came at noon and took dinner with us. This was his first trip here and we were certainly glad to see him looking so well. After three he and Edith went back home – She and Clayton are invited to a six Oclock dinner to Mr & Mrs Tom Crawfords – Mr Mc around here & there to day again.

[**Transcriber note:** Header reads “At the Old Home at Claytons and Ediths”]

12” Dec. Sat

Very busy all morning – we got started over here about nine Oclock – We left Clara to look after things. Mr Mc and I here alone this evening as Clayton and Edith left for the Springs a little after five. They will remain there to night – Clayton expects to return after preaching tomorrow and Edith will stop longer with Clara. Mr Mc and I will remain here until she returns. Paul at Uncle Silas’s this morning – he brought a hog home – reached here in time for dinner – This evening he is at town – It is very dark to night – I brought this Book with me to write in while her.

13” Dec Sabbath.

A nice winter day. Mr Mc and Paul at church. Sermon by Rev Taylor. I was here alone This afternoon Paul made the fire and opened the School house I did not go to the Sabbath School – I was afraid of taking cold – Paul at preaching this evening Clayton returned from the Springs after five. Edith remained with Clara. They attended Grahams church to day.

14” Dec. Monday

The air damp Paul and Stuart A- taking the hogs to Market & Frank Townsley Mr Mc and Clayton at C- all home again at noon. – Mr Mc at town again this afternoon – he took the clothes to Sister Pigg – Clayton and Paul around all P.M. and this evening.

15" Dec. Tues.

Much warmer quite a nice day. Mr Mc Clayton and Paul looking after things. I have been busy all day long. About three O'clock Clayton left for the Springs to meet the Company. Paul and Stuart A- at C- this evening.

16" Dec. Wed.

We were called to a halt this morning by receiving a letter from the Nassau Hospital Minneola [?] Nassau County N.Y. written by Fannie. Jason was taken very sick Saturday night – Nellie sent for a Dr in the morning They sent for Fannie but before they reached there a telephone message came to bring a Dr and come right away – after a consultation (three Drs) had him taken to this hospital when he underwent an operation for appendicitis – Mr McKenzie stood by him all the way through – we are waiting for a letter this evening. Mr Mc at town this afternoon – Paul there this evening sending an express package to Aunt Mary E- This has been a blue [?] cloudy day.

17" Dec. Thurs-

Sprinkling rain. Mr Mc at town this morning near noon Clayton came from the Springs he left Edith with Clara On yesterday he went with them to Dayton they are going to Springfield to day Paul at town this evening we are hoping to hear from Jason a letter from Fannie and Nellie they report Jason getting along nicely – O how thankful we are to hear it – Clayton brought a beautiful couch cover from the Express office – from Aunt Jennie for Mr Mc & me – Also a lovely handkerchief and embroidery scissors –enclosed for Clara.

18" Dec. Friday

Every one on duty. Uncle Hugh here this A.M. looking over the sheep with Clayton Paul helping me with the work – Mr Mc at the Springs this afternoon for Clara and Edith – Edith has been there since last Saturday. Paul at a Basket ball at the Alford Memorial.

19" December. Sat.

A cloudy day. Uncle Silas called this forenoon with a sheep. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. Paul took a load of hogs down for Stuart Arthur. Carl Osterstrem and Tom Hurley arrived in the Y. Springs last night expecting to stop with us – but found we were all over here they found lodging in the night – and Clara drove over after them They were out with Clayton and Paul gathering in corn this P.M. – This Evening Carl and Paul at town.

20" December. Sabbath.

Bright sunshine for a change – Mr Mc and Paul and Carl and Tom H- and Clayton and Edith at church – Sermon by Rev. Taylor. Potter and Aunt Mary came home with the folks from church. Clara had dinner ready. This afternoon Father and Paul and Carl and Tom H- and Clayton and Edith Aunt Mary and I at the Sabbath School. Mr Henderson and Sister there. Aunt Mary Murdock heard the Xmas lesson we had declamations from Edith, Virginia and their little sister

– Tom C- read us Phillips Brooks Xmas Poem – There were 18 present to day. It seems strange to feel that I do not belong to the School – that others have taken up the work. This evening Potter and Aunt Mary went down with Paul and Carl when they went to church.

21" Dec. Monday

Sunshining most of the day. Homer came down from Columbus this morning on the early train Carl brought him out He has been at [illegible] hospital for a few days having a little operation. Tom H- was at town on the Pony [?] forenoon. This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer at town Clayton and Paul and Carl & Tom around this afternoon. Edith and Clara at C- this afternoon to see the friends – All home in the due time and this evening all around the lamp – Homer the Center of attraction.

22" Dec. Tues.

A beautiful winter day. Carl at town this morning. Homer with us all forenoon. This afternoon just after dinner Paul and Carl took Homer to the Springs – he will go across to Xenia and leave for Atlanta this evening. Paul and Carl going to Springfield to meet Charlie Baskin – He came from Ann Arbor [Ann Arbor] – he has been there since the 1st of September – they reached here about nine O'clock – Charlie is looking well. Miss Eva Arthur called this afternoon. Mr Mc at town this P.M.

23" Dec Wednesday.

Not so bright as it was yesterday but a little warmer. Mr Mc and Clayton and Paul and Charlie and Carl and Tom H- around most of the day. This afternoon Clara and Edith at C- they called at Aunt Jeanettes and Aunt Matts – and Aunt Bells. This evening Charlie and Paul and Carl at C- On yesterday Mr Joe S Lafever around on a trade with Clayton.

24" Dec. Thurs.

This is the night before Xmas. It is drizzling rain and mild and very dark. This day seems a little longer than usual. It has been Sprinkling rain all day – very cloudy. Clayton Charlie and Carl and Paul and Tom H- and Mr Mc around – Edith and Clara at the work This afternoon Mr Mc and Charlie at C- Late this P.M. Mr Henderson and sister distributing the Xmas treat among the Sabbath Scholars – They left a liberal supply here – This evening Clayton and Edith and Carl and Charlie and Tom and Paul at the church at the Xmas entertainment for the Sabbath School.

25" Dec. Friday

Xmas Day. Quite bright and pleasant most of the day – but much colder late in the P.M. and toward evening. Mr Mc at town this A.M. Edith treated us to a lovely Xmas dinner This morning a goodly number of presents rec'd at the breakfast table mostly from Des Moines – Clayton and Edith entertained at their table on this Xmas occasion as follows Clara Charlie B- and Carl & Tom H- and Paul and father and me – Every thing bright and inviting – every thing passed off lovely. It will be two weeks tomorrow since father and I came to this home I learned

a few things in that little space. I thought at first that we were very much needed here – but after awhile the true conditions were revealed that it was best they should be left to build their own home – in Short act for themselves – for after all it is to our own Master that we must stand or fall – must render a personal account. I think as that old hymn read – “That they have taken the name of Jesus with them” and are building on the only and great foundation and we know that with Jesus on their side they never can be beaten. After dinner Charlie and Clara came over to the Springs and opened up – and turned on the base burner. Later Mr Mc and I landed on the Scene. Then Fred came in on the 6:20 train Charlie was at the depot to meet him. Charlie B- remained until after supper and we had a pleasant hour together. Aunt Mary Murdock came on the 7:30 car – Fred met her and conducted her here – This has certainly been a delightful Xmas day – followed by a long happy evening. I feel quite sure that it has been a day and evening long to be remembered.

[**Transcriber note:** Header reads “Yellow Springs O.”]

26” Dec. Sat.

Rather a gloomy day. Mr Mc and Fred went to the old home to Claytons and were there to dinner – They met Charlie B- and Carl and Tom H- and Paul there. Fred came home greatly delighted with his visit – his dinner and all [illegible]. They reached here at four O'clock – Hattie McS- called while Fred was here – She is one of the old time friends. This P.M. late, Fred took Clara with him in car at [illegible] to Springfield – to meet a party there. Fred went to the Arcade hotel to meet Mr Lowe and took supper there. Clara went to Sara and Margrets – later in the evening Fred met Clara at Stuarts and they returned on the 10:30 car.

27” Dec. Sabbath

Quite a nice day. Mr Mc and Aunt Mary & Clara at church – Rev Graham preached. Fred remained at home with me. This afternoon Rev Graham here. In the evening Bro Potter here to lunch – He was happy to see Fred.

28” Dec. Monday.

A nice winter day. Fred and Aunt Mary with us this morning. Clayton and Edith came near noon – were with us to dinner We had a pleasant afternoon together At half past three Mr Mc and Clayton and Edith and Clara went over with Fred on the trolley to Springfield and came back at five O'clock – After supper Fred told us all good by and Clara rode with him to Springfield and came back in an hour – [illegible] coming with them. Clara got off here and Fred and co went on to Chicago – Clayton and Edith spent a little while after supper. This has been a very enjoyable day.

29” Dec. Tuesday.

A beautiful winter day. Sara Stuart came at 9:30 this morning & returned to Springfield at 9:30 this evening She and Aunt Mary with us. She and Clara up town this P.M. Mr Mc around all day Aunt Ellen Little is dead – her funeral yesterday afternoon. We had a card from Nellie she

and Jason at Mr McKenzies – Jason reached there from the Hospital the day before Xmas. After dark it began raining quite a little shower this Evening.

30" Dec Wed.

It rained considerable last night. Damp all morning but cleared off nicely at noon – bright sunshine. Aunt Mary left us this afternoon – She would stop off at Xenia and go out to the Infirmary to do some little mission work – and would go up at six to Cedarville this evening. We certainly enjoyed her visit. Mr Mc around home all day. This evening Paul brought Carl here they were with us to supper – Paul went with him to the 6:20 car – Carl will leave Springfield at seven O'clock for Des Moines. Paul came back and stayed a little while and left for home. Clara was up town this afternoon – Mr Mc there too. It is quite a bright Evening.

31" Dec. Thursday.

A beautiful winter day. Clara busy most of the day. Mr Mc up town quite awhile at Mr Littletons office. Everything quiet a this number. This is the last day of 1908. To night it is good by old year – Good By.

January 1909

New Years day. 1909

1" January. Friday.

Quite a cold morning more pleasant toward noon. We had a pleasant call from Mr Ben Ridgeway & son this morning – we were glad to see them looking so well and prosperous. Will Torrence and Mary had a new years party for the cousins. Clara left on the 11:30 car and returned at seven – Edith and Clayton there Paul did not go – but held the fort along with Charlie B- and Tom H. Mr Mc drove over there and brought Charlie over – he is with us to night. The first day of the New Year has come and gone. When we look into the new year and begin to question there is not any response – everything is a blank. But why do we question since the way is marked out by the great unchanging one in whos sight a thousand years are but a day – with such a glorious leader can we not enter cheerfully and trustingly in the New Year.

2" January. Saturday.

A cold winter day. Charlie Baskin left on the 8:30 train this morning for Springfield he would leave there at nine O'clock for the Medical College at Ann Arbor Michigan. Mrs B- made a brief call this morning. This afternoon Mr Mc at the Littletons on errands. Clara up town this P.M. – We have been busy and accomplished several things to day. Potter made a brief call this evening – He brought us a supply of lemons.

3rd January Sabbath –

A little shower in the night. Very gloomy to day. Mr Mc and Clara at church – Sermon by Mr Graham. I was at home to day again – my cough is still in the way of my going. We have had a pleasant afternoon and evening here – Sprinkling rain this evening.

4th January Monday.

Clayton and Edith and Tom Hurley here. After dinner Mr Mc and Clayton at Xenia to see Mr Stuart Frazier. They returned after three. After supper Clayton and Tom went back home. Edith remained with us.

5th January. Tuesday.

A cloudy day. Mr Mc and Clara and Edith and I left on the 8:30 car for Springfield – Clara and Edith selected a broad cloth suit for me – and handsome bonnet. We took dinner at Adam's Everything went lovely until we started home – when I was taken sick on the street – I found it a hard trip home – I have felt badly all evening. Later Mr Mc here with me and Clara and Edith went to the prayer meeting at the M. E. Church.

6th Jan. Wed.

Another cloudy day. I was sick all night. I have vomited nearly all the night through and still sick Clara called up Dr Hunt She could not get the phone through to Columbus last night, but she succeeded this morning. He came this afternoon at four O'clock – He was not long in finding my case or trouble is "Hernia" – not suffering so much from that now as from my Stomach – I have kept up my vomiting to day again. Edith has been here with Clara all day. This evening Clayton came while the Dr was still here. Clara had the Dr stay for lunch. After supper Clayton and Edith went home – They stopped at the Opera House in Cedarville to hear the Address before the Farmers Institute as it is in session there now.

7th Jan. Thurs.

Mr Graham called to enquire for me this morning I am still very unsettled – only one dose of the Drs medicine stayed down This afternoon at four O'clock Clayton brought Mary – I am so thankful that my stomach began quieting late this afternoon for the first. I need not tell you that I was glad to see Aunt Mary – not only myself – but all the rest of us as well. Clayton here until after supper when he went back home taking Old [illegible] and the buggy with him.

8th January Friday.

I had a tolerably good night last night such a change I can safely call it a very good night. Aunt Mary and Clara and Mr Mc around. Dr Hunt here this afternoon late – He fitted a truss for which I am so thankful he went away at 5:30.

9" January. Saturday

Aunt Mary at Rev Grahams for dinner. After an early dinner Clara left me with Mr Mc and went to Springfield for me – Aunt Mary came home early – Later Rev Taylor and Mrs Taylor called to see me. It was so kind in them to think of me. Later Potter came over from X- and made a little call. Clara missed her car and telephoned over and Aunt Mary gave her permission to stop with Sara & Margret She came at 9:30. Very dark.

10" January Sabbath.

A cloudy morning. Mr Mc and Aunt Mary at the Pres Church. Rev Graham preached. They came home much pleased. Clara here with me. This afternoon dark and dreary. Uncle Ervin and Aunt Belle here to see me – it seemed so good of them to come. Later Rev Graham stopped in. Later on Potter came and made a brief call. It is dark dark – too dark think of church. Mr Mc and Clara and Aunt Mary around the lamp.

11" January.

I sat up while I had breakfast this morning. Mr Mc up town. This afternoon Clara up town – and later on made arrangements with a wash woman who called for the clothes. At four Clayton came – made a short stay. Notwithstanding the cold Clara went home with him to be ready to inspect the late Ellen Littles "old" furniture tomorrow – walnut - that is to be sold. It certainly snowed this afternoon it came down in flakes and in handfulls.

12" January. Tuesday. Very cold this morning Aunt Mary and Mr Mc and I here alone. I stayed up most of the forenoon – in fact all of it and on into the afternoon – it seemed so cold to go back to my den. Miss Lizzie Dallas called this P.M. About 4:30 Paul and Clara came – they came home past Cedarville and Pauls hands were so stiff he had to put them in cold water – When he got warm he went back to avoid a cold ride in the morning. He and Stuart Arthur invited to meet with some of the workers in C- to night to organize a Bible Class. Mr Stevenson Sr called with a can of buttermilk and handed it on to me. Notwithstanding the great cold Aunt Mary hung out quite a washing it was her choosing – had it been compulsory it would have been a greater task.

13" January Wed.

Another very cold day. I have been up most of the day on the reclining chair. Mr Mc and Aunt Mary and Clara keeping close to the fire all day. A letter came from Homer he had just returned from Alabama He said Judge Bogart of Bogata was buried last Friday – He was over 80 years old – Hale and hearty until the very last – Homer will miss him – for he was loyal to Homer and Mary. I will record here that Homer has rec'd a call to the Presidency of the Alabama Presbyterian College –He said you will think they are hard up for a President and I think so too. The College is located in Anniston. Potter called this Evening.

Thursday 14" January.

Moderating. Mr Mc up town this A.M. Aunt Mary calling at Rev Grahams – a farewell call. A Salvation A. [Salvation Army?] man here this P.M. Aunt Mary is preparing to leave us this evening – We will miss her and feel sorry to have her go. She left on the 4:30 train. Clara left father and me provided for with supper and left on the 5:30 train for Springfield to supper with Sara & Margret and attend an Entertainment at the Opera House. Clara came back on the 11:30 train. Everything lovely here. A telegram from Fred he will be here Friday morning or not later than Saturday. Our washer W- here with the clothes.

15" January. Friday.

Quite a gloomy day. The snow melting quite a good deal. Mr Mc up town this forenoon and afternoon. A letter from Jason the first he has written since they got back to their own house at Oyster Bay – They went there from Mr McKenzies last Thursday. He preached Sabbath the first since he came from the hospital. Mrs Fletcher called this morning – When we remember this is the or our 42 marriage anniversary we feel like we are living in another world and among a new people amid other scenes – so many who were with us then gone from off this earth for ever – Indeed we might truly say nearly all have gone – while we are left to travel on a little farther – But this picture is not so dark for their is a glorious bright side and may we never grow weary in seeking it.

16" January. Saturday

Dismal very gloomy – snow on the ground sleeting A message from Fred he was two hours late reaching Hamilton this morning cannot get here before noon – Mr Mc up town to attend to some business this morning. At 11:30 Fred came. Dr. Hunt invited him & Clara to come up and take supper – Clara was not certain about getting back so she gave up the trip – and Fred went alone. She went with him as far as X- and came back on the return car. Fred took the fast car from X- he would get into Columbus a little after six. Clara with us around the lamp to night – Mr Chas. Hughes called. We had a ton of coal brought in to day.

17" January Sabbath.

Snow on the ground quite a nice winter day. Fred reached X- last night could not get a car over and stayed at the Florence – he came early this morning. Mr Mc and Clara at Presbyterian church – sermon by Rev Graham. Fred remained at home with me. We had a pleasant hour. This afternoon Mr Graham called. This evening Fred with us around the lamp – we have good books and papers to read – O what an enjoyment this is what a comfort.

18" January Monday

A pleasant winter day. Clayton 7 Edith and Tom H- here to spend the day with us while Fred was with us. I have been up all day but kept close to my reclining chair Late this P.M. Clayton and Mr Mc drove out to Mrs Showers – and made a late call. Mrs Charlie Hughes and her little son Wilber called this P.M. Fred and Clayton and Edith and Tom with us until after supper – I went

to the table at noon and this evening It was so nice to have them with us Fred left on the 8:10 train – Clayton and Tom took him to the train as they went home – and Edith remained with us as she and Clara go to Springfield in the morning. Old Mrs Anderson, Mrs Arthurs Mother, died this morning. She was a native of Scotland – she was in her 94th year. Paul went there this morning. We had a fine visit from Fred – He had a nice time at Dr Hunts Saturday evening he met Dr and Mrs Mitchel there from New York – also Mrs Emma Thorn and daughter from Selma.

19th January Tues.

Snow on the ground very gloomy – not so cold. Edith and Clara left at 8:30 for Springfield – left dinner prepared for us. They done considerable shopping took dinner at Adam's – and called at Mrs Smiths. They reached home at 4:30 and Edith left on the 5:30 car after we had supper. She will go to Cedarville at 7:20. There is a lecture at the Opera house to night.

20th January Wed.

It has moderated considerable – It has been so gloomy I thought we would have snow. Mr Mc up town this morning and this afternoon again. This P.M. Mrs Hattie Mary Stevenson called – and brought me a nice saucer of fruit salad – This evening Mrs Bailey called with Buttermilk. Every one kind – I have been sewing – Clara running the machine to help me out.

21st January Thursday-

The sun shining – A general thaw. I have been finishing up my sewing of yesterday. Everything quiet on our street – Mr Mc up town several times – Clara busy. Considerable time spent cleaning walks – it was a fine day for the work.

22nd January Friday.

Still mild but very gloomy all day. Mr Mc around all day. This afternoon he went with Mr Bailey to the revival exercises at the M. E. church. Mr Mc came back very much pleased. Mr Bailey invited me to a meeting of the W. C. T. U.s at his house but I did not feel equal to it although I would have loved to be there. Clara not feeling well to day. Mr Bailey called for Mr Mc this evening – but it was too dark and damp for him to venture out.

23rd January Saturday.

Heavy rain last night. Almost like Spring but very gloomy. Mr Mc up town at Charlie Hughs head quarters this P.M. Things took a sudden turn here when Dr Hunt called suggesting that I go to his Hospital in Columbus on Monday – then a telegram came Carl O- from Indianapolis saying he would be at Springfield at eight O'clock – On acct of my going away Aunt Mary concluded to come – and she came with Paul when he drove over to meet Carl – Clara was up town this afternoon – After supper Paul went up on the car to S- and came down with him at 10:30. Carls car behind time – They made but a brief stop here and went home to be ready for church tomorrow Carl graduated last Thursday the 21st – They honored him by making him

class President. He came to take Tom Hurley home – They will go back Monday. Had a nice call from Mrs Graham.

24" January Sabbath

Almost like Spring but solid gloom all up at the usual time – Mr Mc and Aunt Mary at the Presbyterian church – Had a talk or an exhortation by Mr Graham. Clara here with me. Clara almost off duty. I have been resting nearly all afternoon – This evening Mr Bailey and Mrs Lacy [?] called for Mr Mc and Aunt Mary and attended the M. E. Church – The pastors Rev Pattons text Something like this O Christians – are these things nothing to you – The folks came home very much impressed.

[**Transcriber note:** Written in the entire complete left hand margin: "I got my fountain pen this morning before leaving the Springs"]

25" January. Monday

Quite a busy morning at our house – Carl and Tom Hurley drove over with Old Ben an dour buggy & hitched at our gate and hurried to the car d—They are on their way to Des Moines. Later Clayton and Edith came as this is the morning I was to start to Columbus to Dr Hunts Hospital they came to help me off Aunt Mary being a delegate to the Anti Saloon League Conference of Law Enforcement Workers at Columbus which met this P.M. and evening and tomorrow in this City so it was agreed that she should come with me here. Mr Mc and Edith and Clara coming with us as far as Springfield – we left on the 10:40 on the Big 4- Clayton had engagements for the day and went back home – We reached here at eleven – Dr. Hunt and his staff met us at the train and brought us out here – They served us to a good dinner and the Dr had Aunt Mary come back here and spend the evening or night with me – This afternoon she went to the meeting at the Board of Trade Auditorium and found a full house and an enthusiastic meeting – she got back at ten Oclock.

[**Transcriber note:** Header reads "Columbus. Hunts Hospital"]

26" January. Tuesday

A lovely day. After breakfast here and a little stay with me Aunt Mary bid me good by and went to the meeting at the Auditorium – she will go home this evening – She called up at four Oclock – She was starting for home – we expect her to stop with Mr Mc and Clara at the Yellow Springs. Mrs Lillian Burt the Editor of the Messenger, Aunt Marys friend who has a son here in the Hospital called to see me this A.M. This afternoon Bro Potter called. This is my second day at the hospital – I have been lonely since Aunt Mary left me – it leaves me more time to think of the folks at home – Dr Hunt is off duty – has been in bed – consequently failed to put in his appearance here – He sent his right hand nurse this evening to see me and said for her to try and cheer me up – Mrs Patterson – she was a friend of Homers and Marys. By the way this is my birthday – 1844 – 1909 –

27" January. Wed.

Almost like Spring – This is my 3rd day at the Hospital. I was pleasantly surprised by Mr Mc and Homer stopping in this morning to see me. Homer came to the Springs yesterday at eleven O'clock. Edith was still there as she remained all night after coming with the folks from Springfield the evening before. She drove Old Ben over home after dinner. Aunt Mary got back from Columbus at 6:30. Father and Homer visited with me until near noon when he and Homer went up in the city to dinner – by the way they met Dick Cowling up there as they came back and stopped awhile when Homer took him to the 4 O'clock train – Clara will meet him in Springfield – Homer will be around here until Friday I was glad to see Dr. Hunt able to be out to day. Mrs Burt brought her friend Mrs Barr, their Ex President from the North Side to see me this P.M.

28" January Thursday

Another mild day. Dr Hunt around to day. Homer here this A.M. – he went home with Dr Hunt to dinner – and came back and spent the afternoon with me again. He is looking quite well. He has gone back to Dr Hunts to night again. I have certainly had a pleasant day with him. This evening I am putting in my time reading the history of England – I hope to complete it while here. We have been having such beautiful days – it almost made me shiver when I found that it was colder and snowing – I will draw the covers close and try to sleep until the morning The nurse Miss Sahlesberry [?] gave me a good rubbing with Alcohol -- & said that would help me to sleep.

29" January. Friday –

A rough morning – Homer called to tell me good by when on the way to the train – He brought me the paper telling of Fred being elected Vice President of the St Paul and Des Moines Ry and also Gen Manager at a meeting of the stock holders "McMillan goes to the top." That is the course we hope he will take never down. A letter came from Aunt Mary written on Thursday – she had letters enclosed from Fred, Harlan and Isabel. Clayton and Edith were coming over to the Springs that day for dinner and Clara was going with them in the evening to Springfield to an entertainment at the Opera House. Edith and Clara were expecting Miss Crabal and Mrs Smith to call that afternoon. I am feeling a little lonely this afternoon as my good nurse Miss Saulberry [?] has gone to be absent this week – Mis Lin Clair will take her place – but I got used to his Sallesberry [?] – and now it is all to do over again and a new nurse.

30" January Sat. Rough and stormy last night – and it continued all day long – It is much colder. This seems a long day – it is the storm without that makes it so. Dr Hunt was at Delaware yesterday – and at Mt Vernon to day – his being out of town also effects us here I think. Mrs Burt called – also Mrs Patterson and sat awhile with me. I rec'd a letter from Fannie & Fred & Homer and Aunt Mary to day. Now we know it has not been all gloom between callers and letters. I finished my book the History of England to day.

31" January. Sabbath.

Cold – Snow on the ground – but the sun is shining and that means much. Dr. Hunt was out this A.M. and spent a little while with me. This is my seventh day here – but still in bed – and the Dr says I will have to remain a little longer – I have read quite a little to day. Everything so quiet it seems in keeping with Sabbath.

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1' Feb Monday.

Still cold – the ground covered with snow. This my 8" day here. The Dr around this morning – The sun shining brightly though the curtains which helps us to forget the cold with out – Mrs Burt and Mrs Paterson does not forget me – Miss SinClair the day nurse – is very kind – Miss McKary [?] around occasionally, and so the day goes by. I put in a good deal of time reading. Potter called this evening and brought me a package from home. He was there for lunch last evening.

2nd Feb. Tuesday.

Bright sunshine gradually getting warmer. This is my ninth day here. The Dr called this morning. Mrs Patterson and Mrs Hunt called this P.M. Mrs Hunt brought me bouquet of lovely carnations. Mrs Burt here this evening. I rec'd several letters to day. Some of the girls are supplying me with books – truly "that of the making of books there are no end" and many of them are a "weariness to the flesh." While some of them leads us up –

3rd Feb. Wed.

This has been a bright day – very much warmer altho the snow is on the ground. I had a feeling that Mr Mc and Clara would come to day and sure enough they did – They reached here after ten and went up into the city for dinner – and came back and visited with me this afternoon – Clara finishing a piece of Embroidery for Fannie to send to her the 8" in Commemoration of her birthday. They left on the four O'clock train hoping to reach the Springs 6:30. Aunt Mary keeping house alone their to day in spite of my self a shadow came over me when the door closed and I really knew they were gone. Mrs Burt sent one of her friends a lovely lady Mrs Samuel S. Weyer & daughter Jean around to see me. She is a white ribboner –all the more lovely for that – we had an enjoyable time Later on in the evening Potter called with his pockets full of papers. I am tired this evening.

4" Feb. Thursday.

Moderated quite a good deal – Snow going off – This is my eleventh day here. Dr Hunt in this A.M. This afternoon he and his assistant Mrs Patterson have gone to Plain City for to take charge of an operation. They had one here in the Hospital this A.M. This afternoon a letter and 3 lovely books came from Fred one "45 or 40" or Fight." The author Emerson Hough. Another Book The Trail of the Lonesome Pine by John [illegible]. The third Gipsy Smiths revival songs – It

made me sad I could not sing but singers like Poets are born not made – but it will matter less if we can only sing when we get among the white robes and the Palms. This has been a quiet day but I have been employed. Edith is staying with Clara while Mr Mc and Aunt Mary are at Cedarville – Aunt Mary at a W. C. T. U. meeting and father at the old home with Clayton and Paul – will be there until tomorrow.

6" Feb. Sat.

Quite a bright day after the rain and gloom of yesterday. The Dr in to see me this A.M. Mrs Patterson made a short call – Every thing quiet at this number – but I have tried to keep up good cheer. This is my 14" day here but still in bed. This is the Drs plan for me.

7" Feb. Sabbath –

A long beautiful day. Mrs Burt brought her husband in to see me. Had a pleasant call. Dr Hunt here this A.M. Mrs Patterson came in read to me this afternoon – Miss SinClair and Miss McKary both kind and attentive. The lovely lady that called a few day ago and little daughter Jean called this P.M and brought me books. O how many kind lovely folks there are in the world after all when we come to find them out.

8" Feb. Monday.

Yesterday was a beautiful Sabbath – but I guess this must be blue Monday – It has been one long cloudy day. The Dr and Miss McKary called this Morning and the Dr had my truss put on and ordered me up – not all at once – but a little at a time This has seemed a long day for all that – being up ought to have shortened it – in feeling at least. Mrs Patterson read to me awhile this A.M. and Miss McKary & Miss NorthCraft read to me yesterday evening.

9" Feb Tuesday.

We have had more gloom to day. We have had rain – almost constant rain – not even one beam of sunshine not anything but rain rain. The Dr in – I have been up quite a good deal to day. I have rec'd my usual quota of letters and wrote my usual amount and read quite a little – have entertained my self – no callers – the nurses busy. For a change Dr. Hunt stepped in this morning.

10" Feb. Wednesday

What a change – a real winter day – getting colder – snowing but too cold to snow – The Dr in this morning Mrs Patterson in Mrs Burt called – Everything very quiet. I have been in bed to keep warm – the radiator good and warm – but the room is cold – the wind effects the heat. The Mrs Hunt pink carnations and the Mrs Burts Crimson Carnation have served their glad day – but at the last withered and were carried out now one single pink rose surrounded by green leaves blooms in my room and O what a relief to the blue somber day. Miss North Craft brought it to me – Each flower has its day like all perishable things – The King as well as the peasant only

have their day be it long or short – For it is a law of this universe that “all things earthly must fade and die” Later Bro Potter called – he has not seen the folks this week.

11” Feb. Thurs.

It seems like another world – The sun shining and the day calm. I felt of course the folks from home would come – but I was disappointed The Dr here this morning. I have been setting up in full dress most all day for the first – I feel like I will soon be set free – but the Dr has not intimated when – all I can do is to wait for his orders.

12” Feb. Friday.

Wind blowing finally before raining. On acct of room being cold I have been in bed all day. Paul has been with me to day and a nice day we have had. Dr Hunt was in this morning and invited Paul to call at his office at 1:30 – as the Dr went to Lancaster at three. Paul came back here and stayed with me until five when he left for the train. Uncle Joe expected to come but he could not leave Will and Lizzie B- both are sick. As usual I had to feel very lonely when Paul left me.

13” Feb. Sat.

Very gloomy all morning – I might say up ‘till three Oclock this afternoon when the sun came out. It has been much warmer. This morning Mrs Burt brought her son Arther into see me this morning. Dr. Hunt in this morning. At noon to day he and his assistant were called to Lancaster – but will be home this evening. I rec’d a package of books from Fred as follows – 1st a beautiful little story. J. Cole By Emma Gellibrand. The 2nd Master of the Inn by Robert Herrick. The third The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary By Anne Warner. 4” His Courtship by Helen R Martain. With what he has already sent me I will have quite a collection and O how much they well be to all of us. I have been sitting up all afternoon. A letter from home from Aunt Mary. Clara and her father were in Springfield yesterday Aunt Mary keeping house alone. With all my books Edith sent me one with Paul, yesterday “Counsels by the Way” – By Henry Vandike – which is certainly fine – I have quite a little of it read already.

14” Feb. Sabbath-

Another bad rainy day – When the Dr came in near noon I was still in bed – he granted the privilege of my staying – here said there was not anything lost by staying in bed a day like this – It was easy to take his advise – I had a good sleep this afternoon – I finished reading Councils by the Way By Henry Van Dike – It is certainly a grand book and the writer must be a grand man. The highest [illegible] a Christian. Mrs Burt brought me a large bouquet of tulips and a white bouquet of hyacinths – but better still she brought her son Russel in to call – he is certainly a promising young man – Dr Hunt brought a letter to me from Isabel – She and Jeanette are at Flushing at Fannies these days – They all seem happy & also with Janson & Nellie. On yesterday my 1st nurse Mrs Salesberry came back and has began her care for me to day. This is my 3rd Sabbath day – and my 21st day here –

15" Feb. Monday.

Another blue Monday gloom & rain – this evening cold and sleet. Mrs Burt brought me another bouquet of flowers from her sons room as he is too weak to enjoy them These are Davadils [daffodils?] – The old adage – It is an ill wind that doth not blow good to some one – In spite of the gloom without there is plenty of bloom with in my room. Dr Hunt in – he is changing back to the Rheumatism medicine this morning. This Evening another Book from Fred – Riley Love Lyrics By James White Comb Riley. Then Miss North Croft brough me Bitter Sweet from the library. One of Dr J. G. Hollands poems – I have wanted this book all these years. I read it when in School. To help matters Potter called – He was at Claytons yesterday. It was nice to get to hear from the folks at home. In the afternoon he and Clayton and Paul at the Sabbath School. It was such a rough day no one out but Henderson and Sister but they had their Sabbath School all right. It is lovely for Paul to keep faithful all the years. He opens the house and starts the fire as regularly as the Sabbath comes – I am happy he has such fine faithful spirit – ready to help the weak.

16" February Tuesday

A rough night followed by the same kind of day – started out with rain and cold and finally turned to snow and has kept it up all day. The Dr called this A.M. They have had two operations here to day. This afternoon Miss Sinclair washed my head with alcohol (the pure stuff) I finished reading Bitter Sweet to day. I have been up since noon. Mrs Burt made a brief call this evening.

17" Feb. Wed.

A beautiful winter day snow on the ground. The Dr called this morning. We had a pleasant day with Mr Mc and Aunt Mary (Murdock) they got here at eleven Oclock. They went out to dinner and when by got back I was up and dressed – we certainly had a nice day together. We have been feeling sad over the death of Mrs Burts son – he died this morning here at two Oclock – His father and Mother were with him; they knew he was worse – but he slipped away before they knew – his brothers were not here. Aunt Mary called to see Mrs B- this afternoon, but she was in bed so she did not see her. Father and Aunt Mary went back at 4 Oclock – would get home at 6:50. A Mrs Marven a friend of Clara's from Des Moines called to see me to day. I wrote to Mrs Burt this evening I was so glad I had for she called up the head nurse and sent her love to me. I sent her a beautiful poem "Cast your burden upon the Lord." "The Lilies how they grow"

18" Feb. Thurs.

Bright sunshine – Either on acct of the snow or on acct of having such good company yesterday I feel blue – I have done my usual amount of reading and writing all the same – The Dr not in this morning – but I learned just now that he called but I was asleep.

19" Feb. Friday

One of the gloomiest days of the season – Rain rain a drizzling rain all the day long – Dr Hunt called to see me this morning. Mrs Burt son Ben Paulen, buried this afternoon – some of the nurses there – The house [illegible] the boys and girls from the School there. This evening dear Sister Burt sent her friend Mrs D. W. Rutherford with a lovely basket of flowers from her sons casket for me to see – she asked her to give me the sweet peas, white and a rare white rose – and then for me to select any others I wished – and then the remainder went to the nurses – I could not think of taking more but she took out another bouquet for me – Mrs Burt has certainly got a deep place in my heart. This lady spent quite a little while and will call later if I am here.

20" Feb. Sat.

A very bright day more ways than one, for Clayton and Edith came this morning and spent the day with me – Dr Hunt kindly had them go to his house to dinner I was glad he did for I was anxious for Edith to meet Mrs Hunt. They went back on the five O'clock train and I know their visit was an inspiration to me. This Evening I received some more books from Fred as follows 1. "Heart Throbs – The old Scrap Book" 2nd Lincoln Love Story by Eleanor Atkison. 3rd Lincoln and The Sleeping Sentinel – by Chittenden L. E. Register of the Treasury 1861-1865. I must try to profit by these books – for to whom much is given much shall be required. I received a telegram from Fred saying he would be with the folks at Yellow Springs tomorrow and would be here Monday.

21" Feb Sabbath –

Quite a nice day. I got up at eleven today for a change. The Dr came into see me this morning. He like me is anxious to see Fred tomorrow. Mrs Hunt here this afternoon – she brought me a bouquet of Dafodils. I have had a peaceful Sabbath. I have read a good deal.

22 Feb. Monday.

A very bright day. Fred and Clara spent the day with me They took dinner at the Norwich Hotel with Mr & Mrs Marvin. We had pleasant time together – They went back at 5:30 – Paul was to meet them at Cedarville and go on the train with them to Xenia and around on the car to the Springs and spend the night to have a little visit with Fred. Clara called to see Mrs [illegible] briefly this P.M. – Mrs Patterson came in and read to me this evening.

23rd Feb Tuesday

Another very gloomy day Rained last night and nearly all day. The Farmers Institute is to meet at the Springs yesterday and today. The Presbyterian women are to furnish dinner and Clara is on duty with them today – to help along the good cause. They are expecting Clayton and Edith there today. I almost if not altogether wish I was there. I rec'd a Book from Charlie B- the Lords my Shepherd illustrated is beautiful. I also rec'd a card from Henry White Chester S.C. Said he had sent me a box of violets – but he sent them to the Springs – I hope they will forward them

to me. Dr. Hunt called – he has planned for me to go to Florida along with the folks – but I go from here – I will not get to go home before starting and I really felt like I was “receiving a sentence” I could hardly keep the tears back – I had planned to have a week there at least so many things to do that no one could do so well as I could – but that hope is gone now. Fred came this evening Dr Hunt took him and Dr Mitchel to the club to supper then they came with Fred here. The Dr brought Dr. Mitchel in to see me – he is one of Homers friends – Fred stayed with me until 9:30 – He will awaken up in Chicago in the morning. Fred said Clayton and Edith came and they all went to the church dinner. They are trying to be ready to start South on Tuesday – it will be quite a rush – I feel sure – but all they ask me to do is to keep still like that was an easy thing to do. I feel all broken up since Fred went away – His life is such a busy one – He has too many burdens of other folks to carry I feel sure of that.

24” Feb. Wed.

Another cloudy dripping day. I have been busy writing did not get up until after two – Having an operation here the Dr did not get in. Potter called and read awhile in “Heart Throbs”

25” Feb Thursday.

Sunshine most of the time. Dr Hunt & Sister Patterson at Mt Vernon to day. I did not get up until after dinner. The Rheumatism seems to have a hold on me – I have been busy reading. I have read fifteen books since I have come here beginning with the History of England. I was surprised by Clara coming this evening. She is staying with Mrs Marvin at the Norwich. She will be around in the morning. Dr and Sister Patterson got back this evening. Mrs P- showed me the operating room and their instruments – it is quite interesting to see such a variety.

26” Feb. Friday.

Quite a nice day – Clara and Mrs Marvin here this morning and a dressmaker from the Columbus dry goods store to fit my new Broadcloth Springfield suit. Mrs Patterson in awhile this morning. Having so much company on hands kept the Dr from seeing me. I was sorry for this. Clara took Mrs Marvin with her to dinner up in the city. Clara came back this afternoon awhile and packed some of my things and left on the 4 Oclock train for the Springs – I wrote but one letter to day and that was home. This P.M. late Miss Helen NorthCroft and Miss Alys Sinclair (sisters of my nurses) called to see me it seemed very kind in them to come. Later Potter called. I have all my books read and since we are going away so soon I have come to a stand still – I will just review what I have read.

27” Feb. Sat.

Cloudy – A little colder. I rec’d my daily letter from Aunt Mary and one from Lizzie M. R- The Dr here this morning. He said he felt it was wisely arranged for me to remain here and not be at home to lose all I have gained but to go on to Florida from here – I had the nurse take me down to the reception room this afternoon and before I got back I concluded when I was fussing to get home I did not know what I was talking about. I was quite surprised by Aunt Mary stepping

in here this evening – but it seemed quite a pleasant surprise – The nurses arranged for her to sleep here in my room – she had supper up in the city – She was not feeling well for awhile after she came – but is feeling much better now. She said Paul was over for a load of goods yesterday – and father came over this afternoon and went back to Claytons. Clara and Edith came to Springfield with Aunt Mary – Edith has been there most of the week, at the Yellow Springs.

28" February Sabbath

It snowed last night and disappeared in a little. Bright sunshine and a very pleasant day. Aunt Mary took breakfast here and attended the M. E. Church, around the corner. Had a sermon by Dr Scott Dist Secretary She also was taken through the different dept of their Sabbath School after attending the ladies Bible Class. Their pastor the Rev Dr Clark the late Pres MacKinleys pastor did not preach – but sat in the pulpit. A Mrs Matthews and quite a number of others came and shook hands – Evidently those people know how to entertain strangers. Aunt Mary took dinner at Mrs Earnest's private boarding house across the street from the church. This afternoon Mrs Matthews called and took Aunt Mary to their church to hear Dr Clarks address to the Ladies Missionary Society. She called in here to see me when they came back. Mr and Mrs George Marvin called – I tried to turn it to a good acct on this the Sabbath day. Aunt Mary occupying this room together to night again – and have had a profitable evening Our Bible reading the eighteenth Psalm.

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[**Transcriber note:** Header reads "Dr Hunts Hospital. Columbus O.]"

First March Monday –

A pleasant winter day. After an early breakfast Aunt Mary, Murdock, went back on the Seven O'clock train to the Springs - Paul was here and spent the day with me. Father brought him into the train and Edith went back with him. She has been over at the Springs all week and came around on the train this morning. Paul went up town at noon to dinner and to attend to a little business and Potter came back with him and made a little call. The Dr in to see me - Mrs Patterson around. Paul packed my books and extra goods and took them home when he went at five O'clock.

2nd March - Tuesday.

A beautiful day. The Dr in this morning I did not get up until nearly noon. Mrs Patterson in - this afternoon Mrs Matthews called - my dear friend Mrs Burt called this forenoon - this is the first time I have met her since her sons death. It was a heavy stroke. This is my last evening at the Hospital - was here five weeks yesterday. Dr Hunt and his nurses especially kind - I have met a

few very lovely folks - from the city and around. Tomorrow it is planned we start to Florida -- All the way is hid from us - but there is One to whom the darkness is as light - may we rest in this Great Leader -- Mrs. Hunt called this afternoon to tell me good by. This has been such a delightful day almost like Springs.”] Last night the rain fell in bucket fulls - and continued nearly all night - Later Potter called.

3rd March. Wed.

Rain & Snow part of the time. Fred came to the Springs yesterday and came in on the early train this morning and came right here to the Hospital to See me. They are breaking up camp at the old “Round House” in Yellow Springs to day. Paul brought father to the Springs - Father went on an errand to Xenia - and this afternoon Paul went with him to Springfield to be ready to join us on the “[B?]ig 4” when we would pass through - Clara at Springfield this A.M. and at Dayton this P.M - to join us as we would pass - Dr Hunt took Fred with him to dinner. This afternoon dear Sister Patterson packed my belongings assisted by the nurses. I gave them a little token of my love by giving them each a beautiful handkerchief -- We left at 3.15 - Told all a kind good by. Potter met us at the Union Station While waiting there I was introduced to Opie Reid - He has a very interesting face. I hope to get to hear him lecture some time. Fred and I had such an enjoyable time that when we came to the depot in Springfield we passed it before we remembered father. Paul and Reid were with him When we reached Dayton Clara was there and Fred Telephoned to father - Reid and Paul sent him out on the next train and Fred joined him in Dayton and they came on to Cincinnati and joined us at the Grand at ten Oclock -- we were certainly disappointed that father and Fred were not with us - for Homer and Mrs Knauber [?] were at the gate waiting for us when our train came in - we had a nice Evening together –

4 March Thursday.

[**Transcriber note:** Header reads “On train to Florida 4 “March - 1909.”]

Great Day of Taft’s Inauguration. What a Stir at Washington We all awakened up here & Father Fred and Homer and Clara and I had breakfast together Mrs Knauber on the scene to see us off – Fred went back to Chicago - and Homer with us to day until eleven Oclock to night when he got off at their home at Atlanta. We had fine meals - this afternoon the Porter made up my bed - and I went to bed - and remained most of the afternoon – When the folks went to the diner - I had my supper brought to my room for I found from my experience at noon that it was to much for me to go to the dinner. We had a grand day, Homer & Clara - and in fact father and even I were in fine spirits - since we left Cincinnati this morning we passed through Kentucky & part of Tenn - and Ga.

5” March. Friday.

[**Transcriber note:** Header reads “Winter Park Florida.”]

We had breakfast on Car - at 9.30 - we stopped off at Jacksonville and made a few purchases - and took a car to river side to see the city - We did not see any signs of winter. The gardens - and trees & flower all looked like May - or June = We got dinner and took the 1.30 train for

Winter Park reaching here at Seven O'clock -- When our servants were assigned us I retired early. By the way we stopped at Sanford had supper

6" March. Saturday.

We awakened up here - This is the dream land -- Perpetual sunshine bird Songs and Flowers. It is certainly enough to make sick folks well - I am now Seated on a little Veranda and floor bounded by Orange trees - Some of the trees full of fruit. We had a pleasant day here - The house crowded from here & there all over the U.S. We took a walk this afternoon.

7" March. Sabbath.

A beautiful day. We went to the Congregational church with Mr & Mrs F. H. Caloway from Baltimore who is stopping here - We had Sermon by Rev Pratt - text "If we Live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." This was their Communion Sabbath - [Header reads "Winter Park Florida - March 1909"] not many there but the sermon was so spiritual - and the Collection so liberal we almost felt we were a part at least of the "little flock." We have had a pleasant day here - a good Sabbath day although surrounded by all sorts of people -

8" March. Monday.

Another beautiful day - It is hard to realize that perhaps that even back at home that this may be a bad stormy March day - for here it is like May or June - I have not been feeling so very well - I suffer from weakness - Not anything special going on only beautiful Surrounding = and a mixed crowd - gathered from many homes - It is moonlight these nights - And the Lake (Lake Ocala.) is a thing of beauty. We, rec'd a letter from Fred - Mr Shrocks Mother is dead, she was buried on Saturday aged 62 - I am two years older is than she -

9" March. Tuesday.

Another beautiful day. Not much excitement here - A fine crowd - desirable meals - rest and time to read and write. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clara and I & others took a walk up to the Business Centre - and made a few purchases. I have been up the entire day the first time in many weeks - I finished the last book that Fred sent me "-Simeon Litton [?]" Some fine lessons to be learned from it.

10" March. Wed.

Clara and I took a walk this morning and came home and I rested until nearly noon - and dressed for dinner and remained up the rest of the day. This afternoon a down pour of rain - the first since we came to Florida - The thermometer was 86" - the Shower cooled off things considerable. This P.M - Late Clara went with Mr & Mrs Robison to 'lental' Services at the Episcopal church -

11" March - Thursday. Quite a nice day Mr Mc and I took a lone walk - past the different buisness houses - and the Blessed W. C. T. U. rooms - They have met each Tuesday, the first

Tuesday of every month - & have kept these rooms open from 9 in the morning until nine at night for twenty one years. Great is their faithfulness. We also walked as far as the College grounds and the Carnegie Library. When we got back Clara had gone with Mr & Mrs Robison on a drive and did not get back until noon - I had quite a sleep - nearly an hour before dinner - we were looking for Homer - Mr Mc went to the three O'clock train but he failed to put in his appearance. I have taken my usual Sun bath to day.

12" March. Friday

Quite a warm afternoon. This morning I spent two hours at the W.C.T.U. reading rooms - they have the late papers and magazines & journals - a good many out and in This afternoon Rev Mr Mackinnon called to see Homer - and made a little call with us. We are expecting Homer this evening. This Mr McKinnon is from Sanford. Clara went to the 6.15 train - the Seaboard and met Homer. He was with us to us Supper - and around on the Varanda - It seemed wonderfully nice to have him with us.

13" March. Saturday. A warm day. A telephone message from Rev McKinnon to Homer. He missed his way this morning - and asked Home to come to Sandford on the 1:30 train. He felt sorry for him to leave us. Mr Mc and I up town at the W. C. T. U. reading parlor for a rest late this P.M.

14" March. Sabbath.

This is our 2nd Sabbath here. Clara went with Mr and Mrs Robison to their church - My Rheumatism having the better of me so Mr Mc and I attended the M.E. Church near by. Had Sermon by Rev Dudley Matthesons [?] - Subject - The imprisonment of John the baptist. This afternoon spent here - where every one has a right to spend the Sabbath hours as he chooses - To his master he Shall stand or fall - We had Song Service here this Evening

15" March. Monday.

Heavy rain last night and damp and cool to day All gathered around the stove in the parlor. Homer came back from Sanford at 3.30 this afternoon - Clara met him at the train. He was sick while away and was not able to preach Sabbath - A trained [illegible] from the Colored School here and gave an entertainment for an hour. It is still cool - the folks gathered in the parlor.

16" March. Tuesday.

We had fire this morning again but later the sun came out warm - Homer with us. A letter from the folks Isabel and Jeanette left N.Y last week - They were at Flushing and Glen Head a month, and will stop off at Springfield and Claytons on their way home. We are sorry to miss them. We rec'd word of the death of Lizzie Steel - she died at Atlanta the 1st of the month - had gone there for her health - but grew worse - her remains were taken back to their home in Phila'd We have been having a nice time with Homer but Sorry to have him leave us. Mr Mc and Clara

and I went to the train to see him off - he went at 1.30 - Will reach his home in Atlanta in the morning. Mr & Mrs Collins and Miss Booth left us this morning.

17" March. Wed.

St Patrick'S day. Still gloomy - we have fire this A.M again. Clara and I took a long walk and sat by the Lake awhile - Mr Mc came back and Sat awhile too. Mr and Mrs Robison and their children left us this morning for Daytona. Quite pleasant this afternoon and evening –

18" March - Thursday.

Quite a number left here to day. This A.M. Clara and I called to see Mrs Kirpatrick at this beautiful home. They Seem to have all that heart could wish. Their home is in Phila'd - He is the hymn writer and a distinguished character. He gave Clara and I both one of his books - beautiful books I have been taking Sunbaths as usual. A letter from Homer he reached home Safely. A letter from Fred they are having heavy Snow in Iowa.

19" March Friday

Quite a beautiful day. Had a nice walk --- Mrs Hayse and daughter getting their trunks packed they go tomorrow - So does Mr Borders from our table. The crowd decreasing gradually -- This morning Mr Johnston took me to his Orange Grove - beside the M. E. church. I picked oranges - The trees are coming out in bloom -- And they are picking the Oranges from these trees and putting them in boxes to send North.

20" March. Sat –

A beautiful day. We began packing to be ready for our journey Monday. We would have started this morning but tomorrow is Sabbath. Mrs Calaway went to Orlando to day for an Automobile ride and to look after some things for me.

21" March. Sabbath

A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Clara and I at the Congregational church. Did not know the ministers name - but all the Same he preached A good Sermon - "I am the Vine ye are the branches" - And it is our fathers good pleasure that we bare much fruit. The dining room filled up with strangers at noon - Severals here this evening. Every one seems to have their own ideas of keeping the Sabbath here - but the great majority do not seem to know it is Sabbath –

22nd March. Monday.

[**Transcriber note:** Header reads, "March. 1902. Daytona Florida At the Bennet House"]

We were up at an early hour and had our trunks finished packing before breakfast -- We left the much famed Winter Park at ten Oclock -- Several of the boarders went to the train to See us off - We reached Sanford in time for lunch – and reached Palatka where we changed cars at 2.30 -- We left there after four for Daytona - reaching here at Seven Oclock - We had our supper on the train - It has been quite cool all afternoon has been cloudy. We stopped at the Bennet House to night – It is a comfortable house.

23" March Tuesday

We have been around a good deal to day - We thought of moving else where on this Street - but finally concluded to remain here for it is certainly a nice place to stay -- So many fine people here - The proprietor's wife with Clara Several from here were out in the city at an entertainment this evening. When we got our trunks in and contents placed it gave our rooms a home like feeling.

24" March. Wed.

A nice day. This afternoon Clara went with Mr & Mrs Butler, from Boston, and Mr A. C. Lane over to Beach to the Races - Mr Mc and I over at the Halifax River – had quite a long walk -- but a very interesting one This morning greetings from Fred - A telegram. This evening we were entertained here with music -

Thursday 25" March.

Heavy rain last night but cleared off this morning and has been a very pleasant day. Mr and Mrs Robison from Daytona Beach here to dinner with Clara – This afternoon she went back with them for an outing. Mr Mc and I had another long walk to the Halifax Beach & made Several purchases. We called at the post office Gen delivery and rec'd a letter from Homer and one from Edith - They certainly were welcome for these were the 1st letters rec'd since our coming here. Clara did not get back until after Seven.

26" March. Friday.

Another nice day. Mr and Mrs Robison and their nurse and two Children Virginia and Richard came this morning to remain until tomorrow morning – They took Clara with them to the ball game this afternoon. Mr Mc and I took another long walk in the sunshine - this afternoon - It has been cool here this morning and Evening.

27" March. Sat

Quite a nice day Mr & Mrs Robison and family left us for their home in St Louis this morning. Clara on the Varanda with the Crowd working on Ediths waist. I was out for a walk and sat in the sunshine and repeated the dose this P.M - and finished up by walking with Mr Mc to the Halifax River -- Everything as lovely as May. The colored minstrels entertained us with music this evening Clara spending the evening with Mr & Mrs Butler & co in the Side parlor.

28" March. Sabbath.

Another beautiful day. Mr Mc and Clara and I at the Congregational church. Text by the unknown preacher --" Then Said Jesus unto them again "Peace be unto you-" As my father hath sent me, even so send I you." What glorious words – and what a glorious commission – If we are under the Saviors guidance he Sends us wherever we go. If this is true we might ask ourselves what are we doing here in Florida - why were we Sent. After all life has a deeper meaning that

we know – Altho we are surrounded by every kind careless and thoughtful we can maintain our integrity, like Job where ever we are – Mr Andrews from our table leaves for his home in Vt - at four in the morning.

29" March Monday.

A sprinkle of rain then it cleared off - Mr and Mrs Butler took Clara with them on a drive to Ormand and came home by the Beach – they reached home at noon This afternoon the rain came down in bucket fulls - I have not been feeling well to day or yesterday. All crowded in to Keep out of the weather.

30" March. Tuesday.

A beautiful day after the rain last night and yesterday. I am feeling much better to day: Mr and Mrs Hart left for their home in St Paul to day. Mr Forester one of Mr Mc friends left - he went to the depot to see them off - Clara went with Mr and Mrs Butler on the Halifax and Tomoka on the exensions [?] - they went on the Steamer Cherokee – they left at eight and returned at five - had a very delightful day - Saw the Eagles Nests and 35 Alligators.

31" March. Wed.

Quite a cool gloomy day. Mr and Mrs Butler left for their home in Boston this afternoon. Mr Mc and I took walk to Beach St on the Halifax River. The wind was blowing a gale – but on our street here it Seemed like another climate I was glad to get back and will remain until the Sunshines. I met Mrs J. H. Peirson of Torronto Cand - and had an interesting time with her She and husband goes in the morning. The Crowd thinning out these days – Clara enjoying herself on the Varanda-

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1"st April. 1909

I can not realize that this is Thursday the 1st day of April - It is chilly and gloomy - more So than we have had it hither to. We had another Florada Shower to day. Reading and writing and cards the order of the Evening.

2" April Friday.

Cloudy most of the day but much warmer - Everything going on pleasantly at this hotel - pleasant people around. This afternoon Clara and Mr Mc went with a company over to the coast - I did not feel Safe to go – but when they returned they all seemed delighted on their trip.

3" April. Sat.

A beautiful sunshiny day. Mr Mc up town. Clara in the Swim at her Embrodery [sic]. This afternoon she and some of the folks took a walk later Mr Mc and I went to Beach St -- I made a

few purchases. Nice and calm there this afternoon – All the business [sic] houses of every kind on that street.

4" April. Sabbath.

A most delightful day. Mr Mc and Clara and I at the M.E. church - Text "Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." He pictured Christ triumphant entry into Jerusalem = then later on Johns visions of him in heaven. I hope this has been a profitable day to Some of us.

5" April. Monday

Another ideal day. Clara and the Johnstons out walking this A.M - Mr Mc and I took a long walk this afternoon, Every thing certainly pleasant here. I felt so tired when up on Beach Street we came back in a carriage –

6" April Tuesday.

Quite a nice day. Everything lovely here - I rec'd three books from Fred = 1st - "A Sailor's Log." By Robley D. Evans. 2nd On Christmas Day In the Morning. By Grace Richmond 3rd. The Signs in the Christmas Fire By Wm Allen Knight. You have plenty of opportunity to read here. This P.M - Mr Mc and I through the Stores on Beach St. Clara among the Boarders. Mr Mc got a cain when up town.

7" April Wed.

Another beautiful day - Clara over at the Beach with Mr Rainer & Mr Houston - returned at noon This Evening Mr Mc and I under the lamp - I am finishing reading Freds book to Clara "The Weavers" Written by "Gilbert Parker." Clara and Mr Johnston and Miss Cassey over at the Beach to see the moon rise - on the ocean –

8" April. Thursday.

Another beautiful day - Mr Mc and I up on Beach street I made a few purchases - We came home and rested until noon - On yesterday Mr & Mrs Houston of Albany N.Y. left us -- So also did Mrs Webster for her home near Boston - Clara and Miss Johnston and her sister at their work -- This Evening Mc Mc and I called to see the Oustipath [Sic - Osteopath] Dr. J.C. Herman. He is blind and as been for forty years - but he has the Sense of touch beyond the ordinary -- and I believe he is a power in His work. "The lame take the prey." We called at the Shoe repairers -

Friday 9"th April.

We had it all arranged to go on an Automobile ride - but before we got started the rain began to fall and kept it up all day - and part of the time it certainly did rain. We were sorry to have Mr Howard Johnston and his sisters Miss Mattie and Miss Lo Lo leave us - They were pleasant folks - and good people - I rec'd another book from Fred. "The Joyous Miracle" - He has certainly kept me Supplied. This Book was written by Frank Norris.

10" April. Sat.

Bright sunshine - but quite cool. Mr Mc around Seeing his barber on Beech St. Clara and Rainer out for a walk - I went alone over to Beach Street - I called to see our Blind Osteopath Dr J.C. Hermin As I came near his home I met Miss Cubbison from Philid" [sic Philadelphia] one of his patients who was wonderfully cured by his treatment of Rheumatism - We all reached home at noon = This afternoon Mr Mc and Clara took an Automobole [sic] ride along with others from a hotel on this Street - They went to New Smyrna - thirteen miles from here - they came home chilled but delighted I was Sorry I had to drop out on account of the cold wind - This afternoon I called to see Miss Cubbison - and had a nice time. This evening while others were playing cards I was delighted with my book.

11" April Sabbath.

Very little sunshine - quite cool. Mr Mc and Clara and Mr Rainer and I attended the Congregational church. The Easter Sermon "He is not here but is risen". How many have this Same subject all over the churches through out this great land to day The flowers certainly beautiful gathered from the Streets and gardens of this town. It would be impossible to have such a collection back at home. There was too much cold and ice for that. I can hardly realize that this is our 3rd Sabbath at Daytona. Tomorrow we are planning to go - that will more than likely be farewell for ever. But we will not Soon forget the pleasant lovely folks we met both here and at Winter Park. I have learned that this makes up much of our lives - "meeting and parting" - but in "the Evening all will Come Home".

12" April. Monday.

Rain last night – damp and cloudy to day - We gave up our starting from here to day. I felt I would have to wait until it is more settled. Mr Mc around -- We thought of taking a carriage ride but concluded to wait until the morning – Mr Mc out awhile this afternoon = This Evening I took a walk to Beach St – quite a long walk = went alone and returned in time for supper. I felt this was my last trip - but the Halifax river was quite an attraction for me.

13" April. Tuesday.

Quite a bright morning. Mr Rainer went with Mr Mc and Clara and me on our drive to Port Oranage [sic] - five miles south of here - we crossed the Halifax river to Silver Beach along the Ocean Shore - we had an interesting ride - Mr Rainer was acquainted with the route and did the driving. We left here at nine and returned at noon. I am glad we went this A.M - for we have had a little Shower this afternoon - Some new boarders came in this P.M –

14" April Wed.

Rain last night and Showers off and on all day. And dark and cloudy. Every one enjoying them Selves as best they can – yet every thing bright and inviting. Several took a walk between Showers.

15" April Thursday.

A bright day after the rain - Mr Mc and I took a little walk this A.M -. Everything lovely here - Every one enjoying themselves as best they can. Mr Mc around and Clara around with the folks.

16" April. Friday.

A very lovely day. Our dear friend Mr Rainer and Mr Mc and Clara and I went across on the fair [?] over the Halifax to the Ocean Beach you can See all kind of folks there - when we came to come home for my benefit Mr Mc and I came over here in Carriage = I was pretty well tired out = got in at eleven and I took a little Sleep before dinner This afternoon Clara and Miss Olive Caskey went up town - later on Mr Mc and I there -- We have had a pleasant evening in the parlor.

17" April Sat.

A most beautiful day - Mr Rich from Buffalo and Mr Bennett of this place chatted with us a while in the lawn. Clara and Mr Rainer took a drive returned at noon. This afternoon he bid us all good by & left for St Augustine. Mr Mc and I had a walk this AM - he and Clara out this afternoon - Although I do not have anything to do I have been busy. This evening after Sunset a Shower =

18 April. Sabbath.

A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Clara and I at the Congregational church. The pastor preached - text - From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus-" Every one in that house strangers to us - not one we knew yet we felt we were at home among our friends. The minister kind to give every one the right hand of fellowship = Not many from this hotel attracted to the church, to day. I am sorry for the Lord to be so left out of their joys and plans.

19" April

Another nice day. Some of the boarders - although few in number left here were off on a drive - We have been packing getting ready to go tomorrow - This is the loveliest [sic] kind of a day. We got a letter from Clayton - Everything seems to moveing [sic] right along there now. Their new girl Leslie Thompson from Des Moines - and Paul and Carl - and Ben Irvin on the Staff - and Joe from the tenant house -- both Clayton and Edith seem very cheerful and happy -- and it effects one the same blessed way.

20" April - Tuesday.

We have been here four weeks yesterday. This morning I asked myself why did we come to Florida. The answer - for greater things than we knew - Eternity alone will tell -- we will leave it there - for then we will have time and be able to unravel things that are partly hidden to day = We will leave here this afternoon at three fifteen - Our stay here has been very pleasant.

[**Transcriber note:** Header now reads: "April 1909. "Spear Mansion" St Augustine Florida-"]
21" April Wednesday

We arrived here at 6 O'clock last Evening, at St. Augustine, and Stopped at the Spear Mansion -- and will hold forth here for a few days. This is a bright morning. I was made glad by receiving a letter from Aunt Mary this morning. We are pleasantly located - We met Mr Rainer last evening at his hotel. This afternoon he was our guide through this quaint old city of St Augustine. We visited the old Slave Market and could not forget the dark inhuman deeds enacted there. We visited the old Spanish fortress that is over four hundred years old. We also went through the Catholic Cathedral [sic] - two hundred years old - We lastly went to view what was remaining of the old city gates - These were built in 1743. When we reached home we were tired and ready for supper. This evening Mr Rainer and guest from Baltimore entertained us on the Varanda [sic] = This is a lovely evening. We are wonderfully nicely fixed here - We have a little 4 room Cottage all our own - and when we get tired of the "Spear Mansion" - it is so home like and restful to come here - and feel that we are here at home - Altho so far away I am made happier by knowing the church prayer meeting was to meet at Claytons and Edith's home this afternoon - it is blessed and the joy will be eternal when we build upon the rock. -

22 April Thursday

This afternoon Mr Rainer Came with two grays and a three seated conveyance & driver and called at the Spear Mansion for Mr Mc and Clara and me and took us out on and all afternoon on an extended drive - We first drove to Lewis Point five miles from here - When we came back we were driven all over the city - We stopped at the Military Cemetery were one hundred and 60 were burried [sic] who were massacred by the Seminole Indians in 1835. Then we were taken to the oldest house in the city -- and a view of the narrow street which is only 7 ft wide -- Enough of it preserved to Show us a Sample of the olden times. We did not get back until near supper time. This evening spent on the Varanda with Mr Rainer and our Baltimore guest.

23" April. Friday -

Warmer to day. Mr Mc and I took a little walk around the city. We rec'd letters from home. On last Saturday Mr Wm Iliff passed away. We also learned that our old friend for JoeVScott is dead = Mr Mc and I have been here on the piazza at our cottage. Clara around - Everything very pleasant. Mr Rainer called.

24" April. Saturday.

Much cooler Mr Rainer here and took Mr Mc and me and Clara for a walk around the city - We took advantage of this cool morning - but this afternoon it is cloudy and continues cool. We are planning to leave here for Atlanta next Tuesday Evening - unless our plans are changed. This afternoon I was around the Square - we met Mr Rainer again and took him for a walk.

25: April. Sabbath.

Mr Mc and Clara & I around at the Memorial Presbyterian church erected in 1889 by the great millionair H. M. Flager. We had a good Sermon by the retiring Pastor Rev Stone who has been with them for Seven years - this text = or "subject the Peace of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ - which he bestows upon his children.' While in the church we had a Shower We got home in the dry but were not long here until the rain began falling again. It has been wet all evening.

26" April -Monday.

Another nice day - We made some nice friends here - but some of them go away this evening. This afternoon Clara and Mrs Bush and I went through the Catholic Academy - they have girls only - and quite a number They are, I mean the Catholics are a power for good or for evil - the Lord knows which. This Evening Mr Mc and I out for a walk - I called to see the Osteopath Dr by the way Miss Ella X [illegible] She is a graduate of Kirksville.

27" April - Tuesday.

Clara and I packing our trunks this morning - this evening we go to Jacksonville and take the night train for Atlanta = we have been here a week and a delightful one it has been - but when we think of going to Atlanta it seems like home - and will be a glorious change to father and all –

[**Transcriber note:** Header now reads: At Atlanta Ga.]

28 April. Wednesday

Atlanta Georgia. We awakened on the sleeper as we neared Atlanta - but were ready to meet Homer when our train --- pulled into this city He took us at once to their home 168 Asby Street and was met by Mary and Richard and Ruth - Mary had a nice fire on the hearth and a nice breakfast awaiting us. They have a young lady boarding with them Miss Alice Morris - After breakfast Homer went to the office. Yesterday afternoon Mr Rainer, Clara were at the Beach = We had supper at the hotel before coming away. Mr Rainer came with us to Jacksonville he will spend a few days there before going to his daughters in New York city - His wife is there now - their home is in Champaign Ill - they are lovely folks - have certainly treated us lovely. Before we reached Jacksonville the rain began pouring = Mr Rainer helped us to our car. This is a lovely day here could not be nicer - Richard and Ruth have both grown a good deal since we Saw them -- Homer took father with him when they went to the office this afternoon. Mary and Ruth and Clara up in the city all afternoon -- Richard in the yard with his little play mates - I have my books - "Never alone" "No never alone".

29" April - Thursday

Another nice day. Homer went to the office this A.M - and came back to a one Oclock dinner = he was there again this afternoon - And Mary and Clara and Ruth were up in the city all afternoon Dr Walden came to the city this evening - he was crowded out here - Homer went up to the hotel and spent awhile with him.

30" April. Friday –

Dr Walden here for breakfast and spent an hour with us - He had worship with us - his Bible lesson the 16" Psalm = I have been young: but now I am old: yet I am here to testify to the blessed influence thrown around the children where parents and children kneel together to "Show forth the loveing Kindness of God every morning and his faithfulness every night" May all of my children ever take for the rule of their lives The resolution of Joshua when he asked the children of Israel to choose whom they would Serve - But Joshua said "Let others do as they will but as for me and my house We Shall Serve the Lord". Mary and Ruth and Clara up in the city this P.M - Ruth to see the Dr - At four Oclock Homer left for Greensboro Ala - and will not be back until Tuesday Evening. We certainly miss him here. Miss Morris here as usual this evening - It has been dark and threatening all evening finally the rain began to fall. Girl came to day.